

Natural Resources Commission Meeting

Policy Committee on
Wildlife and Fisheries

January 10, 2019



Proposed Orders

- For Action – NRC
 - Pure Michigan Hunt Name Change (Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 1 of 2019)
 - Deer Feeding Exception on Beaver Island (Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 2 of 2019)



NRC Policy Committee on Wildlife and Fisheries

- Fisheries Chief Update
- Wildlife Chief Update
 - Elk Season Update
 - Deer Feeding Exception on Beaver Island



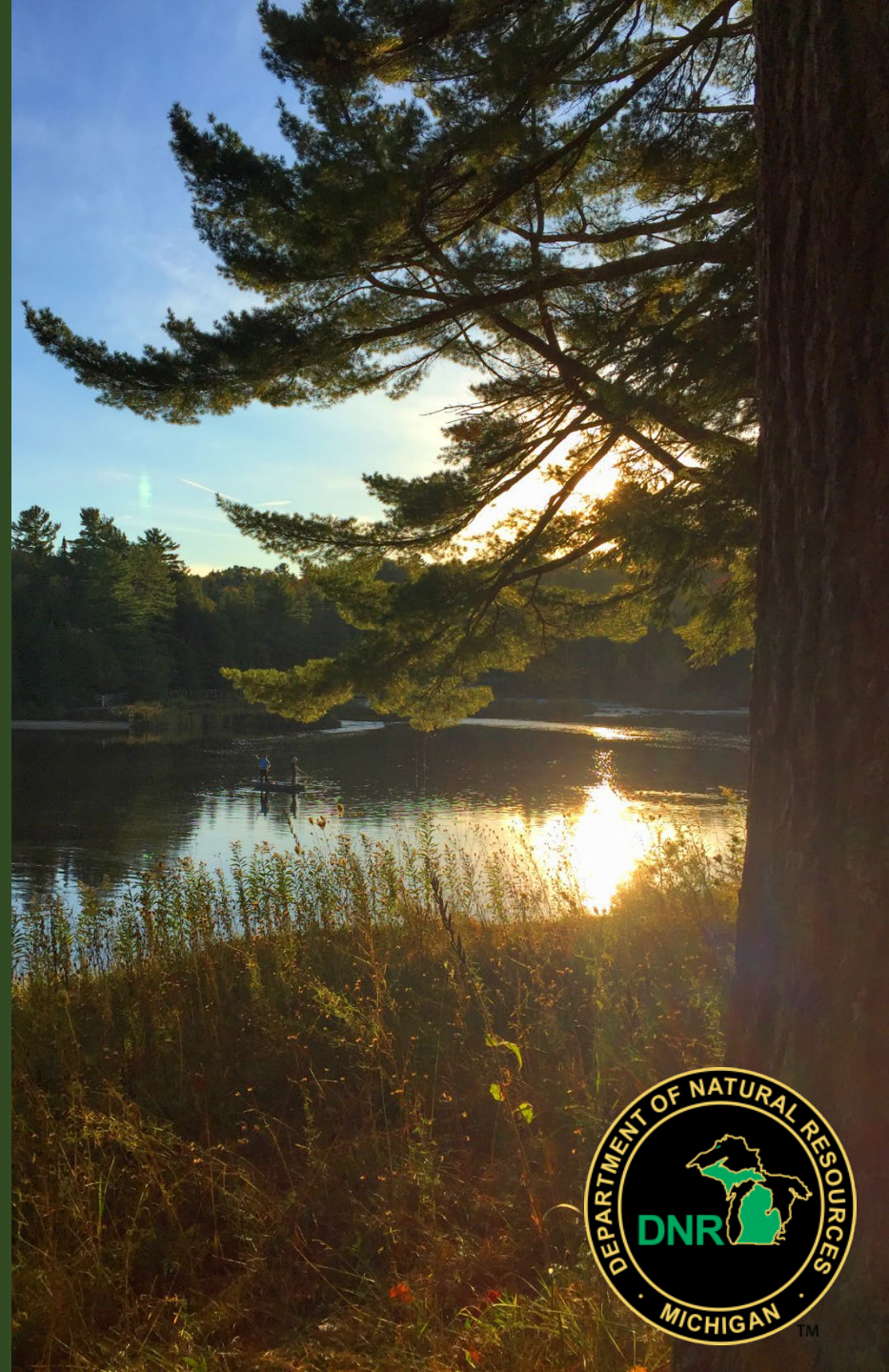
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Fisheries Division

Chief's Update

Jim Dexter, Chief

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Fisheries Winter Work

- Equipment maintenance
- Fish aging
- Report writing
- Work planning (3 years out)
- Management prescriptions
- Regulations
- Meetings



Fisheries Regulations Review

- Historically: 50 Fisheries Orders
- Consolidated to 30 since 2008
- Since 2011: ~ 460 regulation changes
- 70% provided additional angling opportunities
- 2-year guide & regulation process *failed*



F.O. 200: MH 2 update

- Angler catch information: January
- Model regulations and meet with constituents in February
- Develop report/recommendations for March NRC meeting
- If required, Information item April, Action in May



Thank you!



Wildlife Chief Update

Russ Mason



Wildlife Chief Update

- Summary of Fall 2018 Hunting Seasons
- Thumb APR Survey Update



Thank You



Elk Season Results



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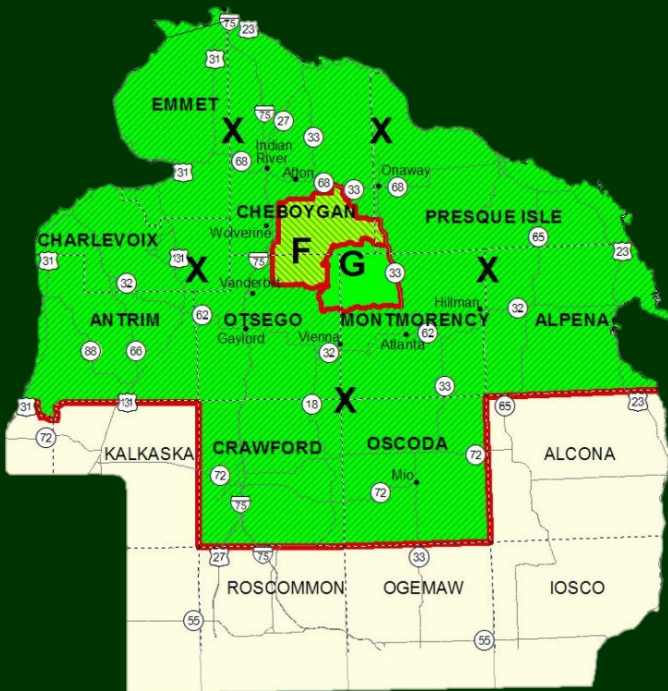
2018 Late Elk Season Summary

- Hunt Period 2:
 - December 15-23
- Weather was favorable
 - Favorable conditions with slightly less snowfall than normal.
- License Quota: 100
- 30 any elk
- 70 antlerless only elk

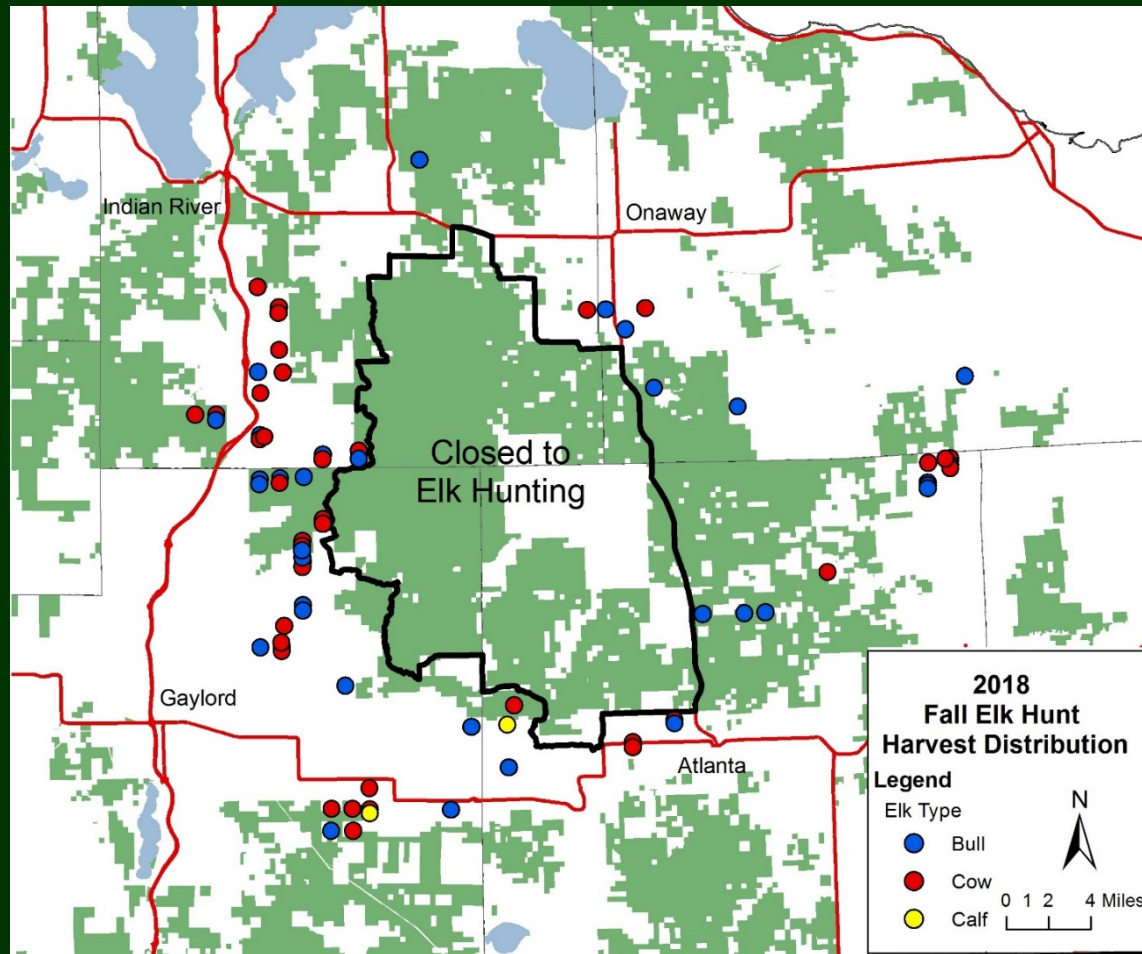


Elk Harvest – Late Season

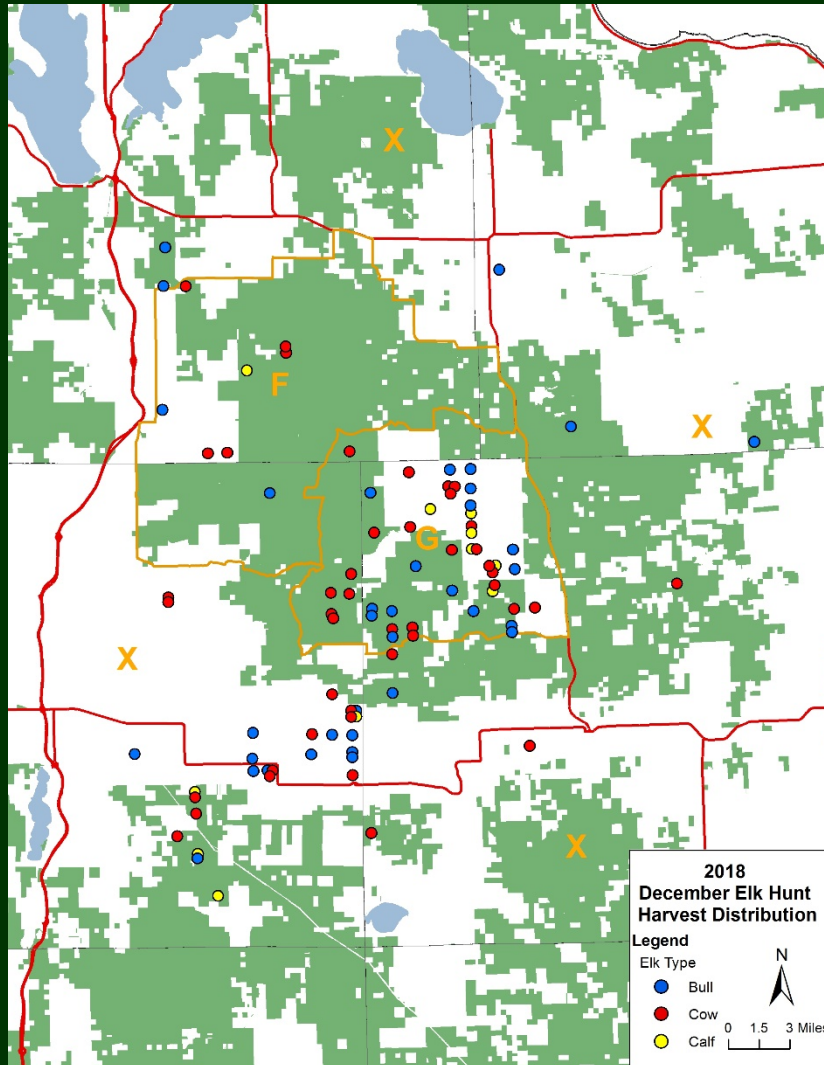
- Hunt Period 2 Harvest
 - State hunter harvest: 78 legally harvested elk
 - 30 antlered bulls
 - 37 cows
 - 11 calves
 - 83% success (94 hunters)
 - Three illegal takes (2 bulls taken on antlerless tags, one cow taken on private land w/out permission)
 - Tribal harvest: 13 elk
 - 4 bulls, 9 cows/calves



Early Hunt Harvest Map



Late Hunt Harvest Map



2017 December Elk Harvest Class

- Bull
- Calf
- Cow
- DNR Parcels
- Highway
- Elk Boundary December



2017 Total Elk Season Summary

- Hunt Period 1 Harvest:
 - State hunter harvest: 69 legally harvested elk
 - 28 bulls, 41 cows/calves; 69% success
- Hunt Period 2 Harvest:
 - State hunter harvest: 78 legally harvested elk
 - 30 bulls, 48 cows/calves; 83% success
- Tribal Harvest: 16 elk
- All 3 Pure Michigan hunters successful

January Hunt is not recommended



Upcoming and Continued Activities



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Beaver Island Feeding Exception

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Background

- Per WCO 3.100 (a)
 - Effective January 31, 2019, it shall be unlawful for a person to engage in deer and elk feeding within zone 2 and zone 3.
 - Request from Beaver Island Wildlife Club for an exception to allow recreational feeding



CWD Status on Beaver Island

- Not detected
 - 2015-2016- 0 samples received
 - 2017- 1 sample received
 - 2018- 21 samples received
- Commitment from BIWC to continue testing deer if exemption is applied



Surveillance

- No population level data from Beaver Island
- Harvest approximately 100 deer (+/- 20)
- For testing with 95% confidence:

Prevalence

Population	0.5%	3.0%	10%
1,000	460	97	31



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